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SUBJ: REBMANN SUCCEEDS BUBACK AS FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL

1. SUMMARY: KURT REBMANN, A NON-PARTY MINISTERIALDIREKTOR OF THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG JUSTICE MINISTRY, HAS, SUBJECT TO BUNDESRAT CONFIRMATION, BEEN APPOINTED FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REPLACE SIEGFRIED BUBACK WHO WAS ASSASSINATED BY TERRORISTS IN KARLSRUHE RECENTLY. REBMANN HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED LOCAL CAREER, RECENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BAADER-MEINHOF IMPRISONMENT AND TRIAL, AND IS WELL KNOWN TO CONSULATE GENERAL AS GOOD FRIEND OF U.S. AND ITS INSTITUTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JUNE 15, 1977, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSED THE
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RECOMMENDATION OF FEDERAL JUSTICE MINISTER VOGEL AND APPOINTED DR. KURT REBMANN FOR THE POSITION OF FEDERAL ATTORNEY GENERAL. DR. REBMANN SUCCEEDS DR. SIEGFRIED BUBACK WHO WAS KILLED BY TERRORISTS IN KARLSRUHE ON APRIL 7, 1977. IT IS CONSIDERED CERTAIN THAT THE BUNDESRAT WILL APPROVE THIS APPOINTMENT ON JUNE 24, 1977.

3. SINCE 1963, REBMANN HAS SERVED IN THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WHERE IN 1965 HE WAS MADE MINISTERIAL-DIREKTOR AT THE RELATIVELY YOUTHFUL AGE OF 41 YEARS. DURING HIS TENURE IN THE JUSTICE MINISTRY, HE SERVED MINISTERS BELONGING TO ALL THREE PARTIES. DURING THE MINISTRY'S POLITICAL TRANSITION, HE WAS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO REFLECT THE SAME POLITICAL LINE AS HIS MINISTER. HOWEVER, HE NEVER JOINED A PARTY AND CALLS HIMSELF "A MAN OF THE POLITICAL CENTER."

4. REBMANN HAS HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN LEGAL ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE BIG BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL IN STUTTGART-STAMMHEIM. HE WAS ALSO THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED ARTIFICIAL NOURISHMENT OF IMPRISONED TERRORISTS ON HUNGER STRIKES. AFTER THE DEATH OF TERRORIST HOLGER MEINS IN NOVEMBER 1974, IT WAS DR. REBMANN WHO ARRANGED FOR A MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE STATION IN STAMMHEIM. REBMANN IS COUNTED AS BEING AMONG THE "DOVES"; I.E., WHILE FULLY AWARE OF THE DANGEROUS NATURE OF THE TERRORISTS, HE HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO FIND A REASONABLE WAY TO DEAL WITH THEM. IN ADDITION TO SERVICE WITH THE JUSTICE MINISTRY, REBMANN HAS HELD MANY OFFICES IN INSTITUTIONS WHICH AID RELEASED PRISONERS AND HAS MADE A FAVORABLE NAME FOR HIMSELF AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL MARRIAGE LAW COMMISSION.

5. DR. REBMANN WAS BORN ON MAY 24, 1924, IN HEILBRONN. HE IS MARRIED, HAS TWO CHILDREN, AND LIVES IN STUTTGART-VAIHINGEN. HE STUDIED LAW AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF TUEBINGEN, GOETTINGEN AND HEIDELBERG AND PASSED HIS EXAMS IN 1947 AND 1950 WITH SPECTACULAR SUCCESS, RECEIVING THE BEST MARKS IN 1950 EVER

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REACHED IN BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG SINCE THE WAR. THIS ACADEMIC SUCCESS WAS THE BASIS FOR AN EXCELLENT CAREER. IN 1952, HE WAS APPOINTED JUDGE AT THE TENDER AGE OF 28, THE YOUNGEST IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. HE SERVED FOR A TIME WITH THE LAND SOCIAL COURT AND, AS REGIERUNGSDIREKTOR, WITH THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG LAND REPRESENTATION IN BONN.

6. REBMANN WHO, FOR MANY YEARS, HAS HAD EXCELLENT AND CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE CONSULATE GENERAL, WENT TO THE US FOR A SHORT STUDY TOUR IN 1973 AS HEAD OF A GROUP LOOKING INTO US ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE IN PREPARING YOUNG LAWYERS FOR THEIR FIRST POST GRADUATE ASSIGNMENTS. HE LIKES THE US SYSTEM AND HAS SINCE HIS VISIT BEEN TRYING TO INFLUENCE THE GERMAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND PRACTICE TO FOLLOW A SIMILAR COURSE.

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